



# NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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**Very Reverend John De La Riva, O.F.M. Cap., Rector**

**MOST REVEREND SALVATORE J. CORDILEONE, J.C.D.**

**ARCHBISHOP OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**July 12, 2020**

## **Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

“To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich;  
from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

— *Mt 13:12*



### CONFESSIONS

**MONDAY—SATURDAY:**  
11:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Also by appointment

### **NATIONAL SHRINE HOURS—FOR INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER**

\*VISITORS ARE EXPECTED TO OBSERVE FACE COVERING AND DISTANCING PRACTICES

**HISTORIC CHURCH: 10:00AM - 5:00PM MONDAY - SATURDAY**

**10:00AM - 2:00PM SUNDAY**

*OPEN CERTAIN HOLIDAYS*

### SUSPENDED FOR PANDEMIC MITIGATION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- **HOLY MASS SCHEDULE**
- **PORZIUNCOLA NUOVA CHAPEL VISITOR HOURS**
- **SATURDAY ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

Marriages at the Shrine • By special permission • All inquiries: Please contact the Shrine office for Rector's initial assessment • Note: Arrangements at least six months in advance

Baptism • Contact the Shrine office for details

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**ELEVATOR ACCESS:** Please ask the Rector or one of our Shrine volunteers if you need assistance with our Main Church elevator, or automatic door for the Porziuncola Nuova chapel.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (*Isaiah 55:10-11*).

**Psalms** — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (*Psalms 65*).

**Second Reading** — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (*Romans 8:18-23*).

**Gospel** — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (*Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]*).

## DAILY MASS READINGS

**Monday:** Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

**Tuesday:** *St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin*  
Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** *St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*  
Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** *St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest; B.V.M.*  
Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

## KEEPING THE LORD'S DAY HOLY AT HOME: ARCHBISHOP CORDILEONE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The current "stay home" order we are observing in the Bay Area presents challenges us to observe the third precept of the Decalogue, "Remember the Sabbath day – keep it holy," in ways other than by attending Sunday Mass. Since the celebration of Mass in public is not possible at this time, our people are excused from keeping the Lord's Day holy by attending Sunday Mass. But since none of us are exempt from any of the Ten Commandments, I invite you to see this as an opportunity to be creative in finding ways to keep holy the Sabbath at home. Here are some ideas for how to do so:

### 1. Attend Mass remotely by watching a televised Sunday Mass

The Catholic broadcasting network EWTN also has many possibilities for viewing Masses, both live and recorded, both in English and in Spanish.

### 2. Make a Spiritual Communion

<https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/spiritual-communion.html>

### 3. Meditate on the Sunday readings

Magnificat Publishing is providing free subscriptions at this time in both English and Spanish (cf. [us.magnificat.net/](http://us.magnificat.net/) free or [latina.magnificat.net/gratis](http://latina.magnificat.net/gratis))

### 4. Pray the rosary

The rosary is, essentially, a biblical prayer, as it is a means of meditating on the mysteries of our salvation as revealed in the life of our Lord and our Blessed Mother in the Gospels, and most of the prayers come directly from the Gospel.

## Mass Intentions — JULY 12 to 18

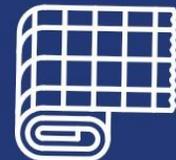
Sunday	11:00 am	Rebecca Jacobs ( <i>Healing</i> )
Monday	12:15 pm	For Priestly and Religious Vocations
Tuesday	12:15 pm	Carrasco Family ( <i>Intention</i> )
Wednesday	12:15 pm	† Rosita Mandujano
Thursday	12:15 pm	Mary Jane Di Theodore ( <i>Intention</i> )
Friday	12:15 pm	Shrine Community ( <i>Intention</i> )
Saturday	12:15 pm	Sarah Konecsni ( <i>Intention</i> )

*These intentions are still being honored even as Mass is closed to public attendance.*

## Health & Safety in the Pandemic

# Everyone must wear a face covering...

Covering your face is now mandatory and helps prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Masks, bandanas, scarves, and cloth can be used.

# ...and stay 6 feet apart distance if not from the same household



The Porziuncola Nuova chapel remains closed as part of a planned phase of later re-opening during mitigation of the pandemic. Please check [ShrineSF.org](http://ShrineSF.org) as developments occur.

## Blessing of St. Francis of Assisi

“God bless you and keep you. May God smile on you, and be merciful to you; May God turn his regard towards you and give you peace. May God bless you.”



## FR. RANEIRO CANTALAMESSA, OFM Cap.

40th Anniversary as Preacher to the Papal Household

It was June 23 1980, when Pope John Paul II chose the Franciscan Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa as Preacher of the Pontifical Household - an office traditionally entrusted to a Capuchin friar minor since 1743, although it is a role much more akin to the theological apostolate of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans). It's a period of service that has brought an air of distinction to this friar from the Marche, who since 1980 has found himself continuously leading the prayer meditations during the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent in the presence of three Popes: John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis, as well as the Roman Curia.

*Fr. Raniero was interviewed by Filippo Rizzi:*

### What does it mean for a "simple" Capuchin friar to "preach" to the Popes?

In reality, the roles are reversed in this case. It is the Pope who preaches to the preacher and to the rest of the Church. Sometimes when John Paul II thanked me after a sermon, I told him that the real sermon was what he did for me and for the whole Church. The example of a Pope who, every Friday morning at 9 during Advent and Lent, found the time to go and listen to the preaching of a simple priest of the Church!



### What dreams would you like to pass on as an older friar to the new generation within the Catholic Church?

I confess that recurring predictions of the inevitable decline of the Church and Christianity in an increasingly technologized society make me suffer, but they also make me smile. We have a much more authoritative prophecy to rely on: "The heavens and the earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away" (Matthew 24:35). To the new generation of Christians, I would like to cry out with the Apostle: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Do not let yourselves be carried away by various kinds of strange teaching" (Hebrews 13:8).



*Fillipo Rizzi, OFM Cap. org*

## Lenten Reflections on St. Francis

by Fr. Bobby

*St. Francis chose not to live for himself alone, but for Him who died for all, knowing that he was sent for this, that he might win for God the souls the devil was trying to snatch away. (Thomas of Celano, First Life of St. Francis, #35)*

Francis of Assisi would surely be labeled in our times an extravert. He loved to be among people and be the center of attention. As he turned his life over to God, however, he saw that this could be a trap: his popularity could easily lead him to focus on himself. This was still a temptation after his conversion, especially as he became known and many people came out to hear him preach. Francis learned that he needed to take a lot of time in prayer and solitude in order to keep his focus on God and fulfill his mission among God's people: to preach Christ and not himself. It wasn't easy for Francis sometimes up on the mountain, but he persevered in prayer and God's grace helped him become the saint we know him to be. May the Lord bless and keep you always!

*Fr. Robert Barbato, OFM Cap. is the pastor of Old Mission Santa Inés in Solvang, CA.*

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS Sunday, August 2



- ♦ Novena will begin on Saturday, July 25
- ♦ Extra Novena Mass intentions (privately celebrated) and prayer petitions will be available
- ♦ The Assisi Pardon can still be obtained during the Coronavirus restrictions
- ♦ Check next week's bulletin for details



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### Discerning a vocation?

Could a friar's life be for you?

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Website: [www.BeAFriar.com](http://www.BeAFriar.com)

### Want to talk about your vocation questions?

Fr. John, the Shrine Rector can be available—contact the Shrine office. Peace

## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Feast: July 16

The Carmelite order of the Catholic Church dates back to 1155. The group originated in the Holy Land as a group of hermit monks, but gradually transformed into a mendicant order—one that takes a vow of poverty and austerity—of friars and nuns that live in service to the poor. Today, the order exists in many nations of western Europe and the United States.

According to the traditions of the Carmelites, on July 16, 1251, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock. A hermit by nature, Simon Stock had become a Carmelite during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from England. It was upon his return to England that Simon received his vision of the Virgin Mary while in Cambridge, England. During the vision, she revealed to him the [Scapular](#) of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, popularly known as the "Brown Scapular." The words she spoke were:

*"Receive, my beloved son, this scapular of thy Order; it is the special sign of my favor, which I have obtained for thee and for thy children of Mount Carmel. He who dies clothed with this habit shall be preserved from eternal fire. It is the badge of salvation, a shield in time of danger, and a pledge of special peace and protection."*



This was a transformative moment for Simon Stock, and in the following years he transformed the Carmelite order from one of hermits to one of mendicant friars and nuns that lived in social service to the poor and sick. He was elected Superior-General of his order in 1254.

A century and a quarter later, the Carmelite order began to celebrate the day of Simon's vision, July 16, as the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

The feast celebrates the devotion that the Blessed Virgin Mary shows toward those who are devoted to her, and who signal that devotion by wearing the Brown Scapular. According to tradition, those who wear the scapular faithfully and remain devoted to the Blessed Virgin until death will be granted the grace of final perseverance and be delivered from Purgatory early.

## News and Events

### Little Sisters of the Poor Have Big Win in Supreme Court Decision

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Little Sisters of the Poor had a victory at the Supreme Court on Wednesday, nine years into the religious order's bouts of litigation over the Obama-era "contraception mandate" which obliged employers to provide for contraceptive coverage for employees through their health care plans.

"For over 150 years, the Little Sisters have engaged in faithful service and sacrifice, motivated by a religious calling to surrender all for the sake of their brother," wrote Justice Clarence Thomas for the majority.

"But for the past seven years, they—like many other religious objectors who have participated in the litigation and rulemakings leading up to today's decision—have had to fight for the ability to continue in their noble work without violating their sincerely held religious beliefs."

In a 7-2 decision, the Court's majority sided with the sisters in the latest round of lawsuits against them over the mandate, this time brought by the states of Pennsylvania and California, who argued that the exemption crafted by the Trump administration for organizations with religious or moral objections to the mandate shifted the cost of providing contraceptive coverage to the states and was procedurally flawed.

In 2017, the Trump administration granted a religious and moral exemption to the mandate for the sisters and other objecting groups, but then the states of Pennsylvania and California filed lawsuits saying that the burden of providing coverage was being shifted onto the states and claiming that the administration violated the Administrative Procedure Act in setting up the exemption.

The Supreme Court took up their case against the states in January, hearing arguments by phone in April following the coronavirus pandemic.

*Matt Hadro, Catholic News Agency*

### SUPPORTING THE SHRINE

The National Shrine is grateful for our supporters' giving, in prayer and monetary gifts, to maintain its work and mission in these challenging times. You can find our Appeal Envelopes at the back of the church. Please continue to remember the Shrine in your generosity. Pax et bonum

### CATHOLIC RESOURCES

**RELEVANT RADIO:** San Francisco—Bay Area—KSFJ – 1260 AM, plus now on 101.7 FM

**Live Stream :** [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com), Click  at the top of the webpage

**TV MASS:** Sundays at 6:00am on KTSF Channel 26 and KOFY Channel 20.

**Archbishop Cordileone's New Video Channel:**

Please visit: <http://sfarchdiocese.org/home/archbishop/video-series-with-archbishop-cordileone>

**EWTN** (Eternal Word Television Network) Videos— Television, Online Live Streaming & Radio

<http://www.ewtn.com/multimedia/live.asp>

**VATICAN YOUTUBE CHANNEL** <https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican#p/a>

**BIBLIACLERUS** [http://www.clerus.org/bibliaclerus/index\\_eng.html](http://www.clerus.org/bibliaclerus/index_eng.html)

"This program offers Sacred Scripture, its interpretation in light of Sacred Tradition and the teachings of the Magisterium, with appropriate theological commentary and exegesis."

**CATHOLIC CATECHISM COMPENDIUM**

[http://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium\\_ccc/documents/archive\\_2005\\_compendium-ccc\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html)

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